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- 25X1 1. The Rosen copper mine is located southeast of Burgas, on the road between Rosen and Chernomorets (formerly Sveti Nikola, N4227 E2739), approximately four kilometers west of Chernomorets and approximately 20 kilometers distant from Burgas.
- 25X1 [redacted] the mine covers an area of approximately five square kilometers and consists of four shafts, three of which are surface shafts and the fourth approximately 160 meters below ground and 1,500 meters long.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] buildings of the mine as follows:
- 25X1 a. Ore-crushing and separation plant, 2-story structure, 30 by 70 meters and nine meters high; [redacted] the ore is washed and cleaned at a nearby crushing mill [redacted]
- 25X1 b. Mining machinery warehouse, 1-story structure, 25 by 40 meters;
- 25X1 c. Workshop for repairing automotive equipment and all types of vehicles, [redacted]
- 25X1 d. Dormitory for Soviet engineers and mining specialists, 3-story building, [redacted] and [redacted]

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e. Ten dormitories for miners, as follows:

- (1) Five 1-story wooden barracks with two, four, and six rooms;
- (2) Four 1-story brick buildings with 16 rooms; and
- (3) One 2-story brick structure with 24 rooms.

3. [redacted] the electric power is supplied by a power plant 20 miles north of the mine through a transformer station located four kilometers west of the area in a location known as Osmanlii.
4. [redacted] the mine is guarded by its own 7-man Militia unit, armed with pistols and old Bulgarian rifles, working 4-hour watches of one Militiaman per watch. [redacted]
5. The copper ore mined here includes some gold and iron. Since there is no railroad near the mine, the ore is shipped by truck to Burgas for transshipment to the USSR by Soviet freighters. [redacted] one gram of gold is extracted from each ton of ore in the mine's ore-crushing and separation plant. [redacted] approximately one shipload of ore per week goes to the USSR from the mine.
6. A special research unit of approximately 100 Soviet scientists, engineers, and mining specialists works at the mine. [redacted] the manager of the mine is a Bulgarian but [redacted] two Soviet engineers are the de facto administrators. [redacted] one Bulgarian engineer works at the mine. [redacted] Petur Rakanov is director of the mine, which is completely under Soviet control.
7. [redacted] there is an acute shortage of miners at the mine. Consequently, unreliable persons who do not possess working permits are accepted without too many questions being asked. [redacted]
[redacted] there are now approximately 600 miners employed in three 8-hour shifts of 200 men each, each shift mining approximately 170 to 180 tons of ore and each miner receiving 350 leva per day.
8. [redacted] the manager of the mine commissary is Rusi Ivanov Rusinov [redacted]
[redacted]

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